



JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA MPO CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008, 3:00 P.M.**

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DISTRICT SEVEN  
(Pelican Room)  
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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT
- III. [APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2008](#)
- IV. [COURTNEY CAMPBELL CAUSEWAY MULTI-USE TRAIL \(FDOT\)](#)
- V. [REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT \(Pinellas\)](#)
  - A. [Public Participation Plan Evaluation](#)
  - B. [Title VI Update and Resolution and documents](#)
  - C. [Limited English Proficiency Plan \(LEP\)](#)
- VI. [REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE \(Hernando\)](#)
  - A. Updating of Plan Policies for SAFETEA-LU Compliance
  - B. Designation of Regional Activity Centers
- VII. [REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN-PHASE II \(TBARTA Consultant\)](#)
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADJOURNMENT



There being only six committee members present at the meeting site, there was no quorum to conduct official business.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wilfred Sergeant addressed the committee to explain the difference between commuter transit and light rail transit. Light rail transit does not have to be on rails. It is a performance specification for local service that depends on the spacing of the stations and maintaining a maximum speed. Commuter transit is run at high speeds and covers long distances. It depends on good feeder service and lots of parking. Mr. Sergeant left an information paper with the committee.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2008**

There was no quorum present to approve the minutes of March 4, 2008.

## **IV. COURTNEY CAMPBELL CAUSEWAY MULTI-USE TRAIL**

Lee Royal of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of a feasibility study for the proposed Courtney Campbell Causeway Multi-Use Trail.

The trail is proposed for construction along the Courtney Campbell Causeway from Bayshore Boulevard at SR 60 in Pinellas County to the Veterans Expressway in Tampa. The project length is approximately eight miles. The trail is intended for bicycle, pedestrian, and other recreational uses, thereby providing alternate modes of transportation. It will have day-use beach areas, a boat ramp with parking, and fishing areas. Both ends of the trail would connect directly to other trails.

The trail has been prioritized as a regional trail by the Chairs Coordinating Committee and is supported by the Courtney Campbell Causeway Scenic Highway Group's Corridor Advisory Committee.

Ms. Royal reviewed the four trail design alternatives and their costs. Costs range from \$31 million to \$63 million. The design phase is not funded. The FDOT would like to return to the Joint CAC in order to present the final design alternative and to work on prioritizing segments.

An additional document is needed to meet Federal Highway Administration and Coast Guard requirements.

Public workshops were held in May in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

Mr. Jonson, Chair of the Courtney Campbell Causeway Scenic Highway Group's Corridor Advisory Committee, said that the issue of north alignment versus south alignment remains to be solved.

This item was for information only. No action was taken.

**V. REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Karen Cunningham of Pinellas County MPO staff gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining regional public involvement activities.

Copies of the *Public Participation Report 2006/2007*, the *Limited English Proficiency Plan*, and a *Resolution Adopting the Title VI Discrimination Complaint Process* were included with meeting materials for action by the committee. There being no quorum, no action was taken on these items. Mr. Weiss asked for comments from the committee.

Mr. Jonson noted that performance measures for the regional public involvement program are referenced in the 2025 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. The measures were developed by the Chairs Coordinating Committee. These could be included in the *Public Participation Report 2006/2007*.

Sheila Martin of Bay Area Commuter Services noted that other agencies are also charged with public involvement activities. Perhaps those efforts could be shared.

There was no quorum present. No action was taken on this item.

**VI. REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Weiss reported that Cynthia Jones of Citrus County had contacted him to ask that the record show that Citrus County is set to complete its 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan by December 2009.

Mr. Pascoe gave an update of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan activities. There are eight major tasks in preparing this Plan. Currently, staff is in the pre-planning phase, which will culminate toward the end of the year in a Needs Plan.

Planning activities will be coordinated with other agencies such as the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA). TBARTA has the authority and potential under the law to supplement the regional planning process. The MPOs complement the process and bring a strong local voice.

Mr. Pascoe said that the region needs a system that contributes to the economic vitality of central Florida. Economic development is one of the main engines that drives coordinated regional planning, and TBARTA emphasizes this. Attention will be paid to safety and security. The entities that do the planning are thinking "green" in terms of energy efficiency.

The MPO plans must ensure that at a regional level there is an integrated system that will work from highway to transit to other modes. As they work on their local systems, they will be looking at connections between counties.

The Regional Long Range Transportation Plan will be reviewed further in September.

No action was taken on this item.

**VII. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN—PHASE II**

Beth Alden, representing the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA), gave a PowerPoint presentation on Phase II of the development of the Regional Transportation Master Plan.

Phase I concluded with action by the TBARTA board to decide which route options to carry forward to Phase II.

Phase II will evaluate transit mode options in the corridors that were selected for further study. TBARTA is asking for input on options for technologies to use for roads, rail, water, and roadway lanes.

Several maps showed regional activity centers that are being considered as major destination points.

The committee was asked to complete a questionnaire that would help select technology choices for the regional activity centers. The questionnaire will be accessible online.

Community workshops will be held throughout the region from July 24 through August 7.

No action was necessary on this item.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Hopkins said that the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO had received a report from the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) as part of that MPO's Transit Development Plan. CUTR has conducted an elaborate and comprehensive origin/destination survey.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned.